



23rd September 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #3

This Week's Safeguarding News...

Last week we informed you about our 'consent' and 'child on child abuse' assemblies that are taking place this week and next. It is important to have a conversation with your child about what behaviour and language is acceptable and what is not. Our assemblies cover consent in a wider form other than sexual but I would like to draw your attention to issues of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct in this week's bulletin. In an Ofsted review of 2021, they found that "sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are for children and young people" are prevalent and "92% of girls, and 74% of boys, said sexist name-calling happens 'a lot' or 'sometimes' to them or their peers. The frequency of these harmful sexual behaviours means that some children and young people consider them normal."

At QEGS we will not accept this kind of behaviour and, in conjunction with education to eliminate it, it will be sanctioned. Please speak to your child about the impact of touching someone else without consent, messages sent online which may be sexually explicit in nature, keggings (pulling down the trousers/pants of another in front of people for example). It is important that they understand that this is not 'banter' and the impact that their actions can have on their victim and on themselves.

In assembly we remind students that they can report any issues to a member of staff with the safeguarding team comprising of Mrs Betty (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Brendan Drake (Child Protection Officer), Stef Munday (Family Support Worker) and Mr Bembridge (SENCo).

Well done

Over the summer holidays Chloe A, Amy A, Olivia B, Maysie G and Niamh K spent their time organising a charity fundraising event (a mini fete) in aid of Cancer Research. They wrote letters to local companies asking for raffle prizes, baked cakes and planned their stalls. The event was held in Bradley on Sunday 11th September which included a raffle, tombola, cake stall, refreshments stall, and two games stalls. They advertised their event locally and it was well attended. The girls worked exceptionally hard and raised an amazing £700!

Well done – you should be very proud of your achievements.



Grace S in Year 8 won the 'Autumn Junior Dragster Takedown', at Melbourne Raceway last weekend. It was her first final and she did amazingly well winning the final against the current Champion! Well Done Grace!



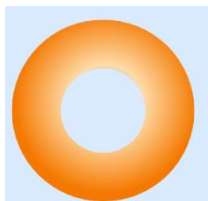
Career Education At QEGS

The Careers department are looking for parent volunteers to talk to students about their employment, industry, conduct mock interviews and much more. We will be holding a breakfast morning for those interested in supporting the school. Please email bains@qegs.email by **Friday 30th September** if you are interested.

Maths Problem of the Week

Well done to everyone who submitted an answer last week. The correct answer was 2/3 - Isabel H is the winner, well done! Please come to 531 to get your prize.

This week's challenge is:



What is the minimum number of lines needed to split this doughnut into 9 pieces (of any size)? Please send any entries to statham@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk to be in with the chance of winning a prize.

Sixth Form Update

This week we welcomed back to QEGS two ex-students who are currently undertaking degree apprenticeships at JCB. Molly and Luke spoke to Year 13 about their experiences, the benefits and challenges of working and studying and how much fun they are having learning about all the different aspects of a major company. We look forward to seeing them later in the term when they will run a session on the typical application and assessment process for degree apprenticeships.

Making the most of the September sunshine Year 12 and Year 13 had a 5-a-side football tournament this week, organised and run by Tom B as part of his Business BTEC course. Competitive matches resulted in win overall for Year 12.

Temporary Change to Year 9 Progress Leader



Whilst Mr Hamer is absent, Miss Clamp will now be temporary Progress Leader for Year 9. She can be contacted on clamp@qegs.email. Miss Clamp is a Teacher of Maths at QEGS and is passionate about student wellbeing. We look forward to having her on the pastoral team temporarily.

Mr Atkins will take over Miss Clamp's Year 11 form temporarily.

New Staff

Caroline Ashton – Teacher of Science:

I am so happy to join the Science team at QEGS this year! I have been teaching science and biology for 14 years and have worked in schools in Norfolk and Staffordshire. I have had my eye on joining the QEGS team for a few years now and am very happy to be part of the QEGS community!

I have a huge passion for Biology, in particular Ecology, and love engaging my students with the natural environment. I am a qualified Forest School leader as well as a science teacher, and am really looking forward to using these skills with the students (and staff!) at QEGS.

When I am not teaching, I spend most of my time with my partner, our children, dogs and horses. I love to compete on the horses, and do anything outside! When we have time, my partner and I like to climb mountains all over the country.

I am really enjoying working at QEGS and look forward to meeting you all soon!



Canteen School Meals

Next weeks's canteen menu is the following:-

Week B:

<https://www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/media/1956232/QEGS-Week-B.pdf>

Parking

Parents and carers, please do not access the school bus bay to drop or collect students at the beginning or end of the day. This area is busy with buses and we want to keep your children safe. Also, please do not park in the bus bays if you are visiting the school. We appreciate we have limited parking and once full, your only options are offsite. If parents or visitors have mobility and accessibility needs, we do have designated parking on the upper tiers and we will happily remove bollards to allow access to these spaces – please call Student Services on 01335 343685 ahead of schedule and we will arrange for a caretaker to give you access.

Community Conduct

Please talk to your child about their conduct on the way to and from school, waiting for school buses and in and around the community. School uniform should always be worn on the way to and from school and we expect our students to behave respectfully towards members of the public and with the environment, in particular not dropping litter.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher